

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EPO3/07653, filed July 15, 2003, titled SAMPLE TREATING STATION, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. DE 10232202.3, filed July 16, 2002, titled SAMPLE TREATING STATION, the disclosures of both are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION